

registration of the IP phone, the address code and personal identification number is received by the communication system and passed to the OAM where the OAM authenticates the personal identification number with the personal identification numbers in the database and then associates the directory number with the address code of IP phone for routing and switching call traffic to and from the IP phone.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 to 5 stand rejected. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 6 is allowed if the typo is corrected and claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 to 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Xu in view of Roy and Lee. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over the same cited references and in furtherance in view of Eastmond.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice and claim 5 has been rewritten to include the elements of the base claim 1 and intervening claim 4. Claim 5 is also amended to further define the


invention and to satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 2 to 4 have been amended to depend from claim 5. Claim 6 has been amended to correct the typo.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application including claims 2 to 6 is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

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